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In re the Application of: **TAKAHASHI, Naoyo et al.**

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REQUEST FOR THE PTO TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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Sir:

The applicants request the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to acknowledge receipt of the priority documents from the International Bureau in this national stage PCT application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371.

The attached documents show that the International Bureau properly received the priority documents from the applicant, but the first Office Action dated July 16, 2002 and the Notice of Allowance dated November 3, 2003 do not show any indication that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received the priority document, JP 11/51395 filed on February 26, 1999 from the International Bureau.

The following documents are attached:

1. *Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document dated April 28, 2000.* This document is an acknowledgment by the International Bureau that it received the priority document.
2. *Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated November 3, 2003 (2 pages enclosed).*

This document shows a lack of indication as to whether the priority documents have been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau.

3. *Office Action dated July 16, 2002 (2 pages enclosed).* This document indicates that as of July 16, 2002, the priority documents had not yet been received from the International Bureau.

4. Filing Receipt dated October 5, 2001 (2 pages enclosed). This established the fact that priority *claimed* on, JP 11/51395 filed on February 26, 1999 was acknowledged. This does not however, establish the receipt of the priority document.

For national stage applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 371, the International Bureau is supposed to transmit the priority documents to the designated offices, in this case, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

It is therefore requested that the official application file be checked and then it is further requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledge that the priority documents have been received or are being requested from the International Bureau.

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